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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A detection system for use in an optical disk-based analytical device for measuring the presence of an analyte in a sample, said detection system comprising :

an analyte detector unit comprising a primary detector which selectively reacts with analyte present in a sample to produce an amplification agent;

an amplification unit fluidly connected to said analyte detector unit and comprising a plurality of secondary detection agents that are changeable between a negative detection state and a positive detection state; and

wherein said amplification agent is capable of changing a plurality of said detection agents between said negative and said positive detection states to thereby amplify the measurable presence of said analyte.

2. (Original) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 1 wherein said system is located on a compact disk or digital video disk.

3. (Original) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 1 wherein said primary detector and/or said secondary detection agents are bound to said optical disk.

4. (Original) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 1 wherein said amplification agent comprises an enzyme which is released from said primary detector when said primary detector selectively reacts with said analyte, said enzyme being capable of changing a plurality of said detection agents from said negative detection state to said positive detection state or from said positive detection state to said negative detection state.

5. (Original) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 1 wherein said fluid connection is a micro fluidic connection.

6. (Cancelled)

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12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An optical bio-disc for measuring the presence of an analyte in a sample, said bio-disc comprising :

a first chamber comprising amplification agents bound to a first surface by first reversible bonds, wherein said first reversible bonds are configured to be broken when said amplification agents are contacted by said analyte;

a second chamber fluidly connected to said first chamber and comprising detection agents bound to a second surface by second reversible bonds, wherein the strength of the second reversible bonds are altered upon contact by said amplification agents; and

wherein a single amplification agent is adapted to alter the strength of more than one of said second reversible bonds, and wherein altering the strength of said second reversible bonds results in a change from a negative to a positive detection state of said detection agents indicating the presence of said analyte.

14. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 6, wherein said first reversible bonds comprise DNA.

15. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 6, wherein said second reversible bonds comprise DNA.

16. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 6, wherein said single amplification reagent is adapted to break said second reversible bonds and release said detection agents in order to indicate the presence of said analyte.

17. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 6, wherein said single amplification reagent is adapted to strengthen said second reversible bonds to prevent release of said detection agents in order to indicate the presence of said analyte.

18. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 6, wherein said amplification agents comprise DNA ligase.

19. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 18, wherein said analyte comprises a target DNA molecule and said amplification

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agents comprise DNA ligase linked to a DNA segment capable of hybridizing to said analyte.

20. (Previously Presented) An optical disk-based detection system according to claim 19, wherein said second reversible bonds comprise nicked DNA, and wherein said DNA ligase is capable of repairing said nicked DNA in order to strengthen said second reversible bonds.